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Division for the Visually Impaired Task Force

Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2019

Holly Vaughn Wagner, Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (JLOSC) Legislative Attorney and Task Force Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Other task force members present were Amanda McAtee, JLOSC Analyst and Task Force Co-Chair, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Director of Exceptional Children Resources at the Department of Education (DOE) representing Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education, Elisha Jenkins, Division for the Visually Impaired (DVI) Director, Wayne Marsh, Blind Vendors Committee Chair, Lloyd Schmitz, filling in for Sonya Lawrence, parent of a child with a visual impairment, Debbie Harrington, Higher Education. Kevin McAllister and Loretta Harper-Brown were absent. A quorum was met.

Co-Chair Vaughn Wagner started the purpose of the task force was to research and discuss tabled recommendations and provided an overview of meeting rules for the order of the meeting. Co-Chair Vaughn Wagner stated that the public comment period would end on November 8, 2019 and explained that the final report would include information received during the task force process including raw data from the meeting worksheets.

Co-Chair McAtee asked everyone to review the minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting. Mary Ann Mieczkowski made a motion to approve the October 17, 2019 meeting minutes, Wayne Marsh seconded the motion, no opposition, motion passed. Members not present for the vote included Kevin McAllister and Loretta Harper-Brown.

Co-Chair McAtee led the task force in discussion of the results and response summary document for Meeting #5 – DVI Statutory Revisions, Advisory Councils & Committees Serving DVI. The task force discussed the summaries prepared for meeting #5 and provided additional feedback.

The meeting #5 results and response summary document summarized responses received from meeting #5 worksheets and the final report would provide full responses collected. The meeting #5 worksheet received 13 responses. This data did not include responses from the task force co-chairs since the co-chairs would be responsible for organizing and presenting the information to the JLOSC. Co-Chair McAtee further explained that she posted the meeting #5 results and response summary to the task force's website in word and PDF formats.

Co-Chair McAtee reminded everyone that Friday, November 8, 2019 would be the deadline for meeting worksheets and any additional written public comments.

Co-Chair McAtee stated that she would circulate a Doodle Poll to collect schedule availability for the task force's final meeting which would occur in December. She advised that the final meeting would review and discuss the task force's final report.

Co-Chair McAtee concluded the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully prepared by:

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.